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In Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on May 24, 2001, please find enclosed the following papers: (1) a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; (2) an Assignment and PTO-1595; (3) Part 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application; and (4) a PTO-2038.

\$ 710.00 - basic filing fee

648.00 - 36 claims over 20

80.00 - 1 independent claims over 3

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.

 Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$728.
 - \$648 for 36 total claims over 20.
 - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration: James B. Keller
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1568.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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